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Examiner: SAEED,

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/893,585

Group Art Unit: 1626

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TITLE: CYCLOPENTYL-SUBSTITUTED

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action, dated August 11, 2004 concerning the above-identified application. The term for response expires September 11, 2004.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner required restriction of the application to one of three Groups set forth in the Office Action. Applicants hereby elect Group I, with traverse, and elect the species of Example 30, (2S)-2-[(1-{[(5-Ethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)amino]carbonyl}cyclopentyl) methyl]pentanoic acid. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to any subject matter cancelled herein.

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